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Title: ANKLE BRACE WITH CUFF AND STRAP

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Second Request For Corrected Filing Receipt

Attn: Initial Patent Examination Division
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Dear Sir:

We had requested a corrected filing receipt in this case, because the filing receipt did not indicate that this application claimed priority from Provisional Application 60/283,893. A copy of that request is attached. We then received a response from the Patent Office refusing to correct the filing receipt, stating that the application to which priority is claimed was filed over a year prior to the filing date of this application, so priority cannot be claimed to the provisional. However, in this case, as we explain below, it is proper to claim priority to the provisional application, and we would like to have the filing receipt corrected to reflect that claim of priority.

In this case, the original application was filed February 18, 1999 and has issued as U.S. Patent 6,053,884. On February 9, 2000, a PCT application was filed claiming priority from the original application. That PCT application became a U.S. national stage application S.N. 09/913,077. Then, the provisional application, 60/283,893 was filed April 13, 2001. A U.S. application S.N. 09/925,335 was then filed August 9, 2001, claiming priority both from the provisional and from the other prior applications. The current application, which was filed February 20, 2004, is a divisional of the August 9, 2001 application and claims priority both to that application, S.N. 09/925,335, and to all the applications from which the '335 application claims priority, including the provisional application.

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To summarize, it is not necessary for the current application to be filed within one year of the provisional in order to claim priority from that provisional, since the current application is a divisional of another application that was filed within one year of the provisional and that properly claims priority to the provisional. Therefore, we would appreciate your correcting the filing receipt to reflect that priority claim. If you have any questions, please call me. Thanks.

Respectfully submitted,



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Dear Sir:

Enclosed are:

☒ A copy of the filing receipt for the above referenced application; and
☒ A copy of the Preliminary Amendment that shows priority from U.S.
Provisional Patent Application SN 60/283,893, filed April 13, 2001.

Please add this missing provisional application to the Domestic Priority data and
send us a corrected filing receipt.

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